

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
)
Texas Democratic Party and) RAD Referrals 97L-26,
Jorge A. Ramirez, as treasurer;) 28, and 29
Bexar County Democratic Party and)
John J. Murnin, as treasurer;)
Dallas County Democratic Party and)
David A. Parnell, as treasurer;)
Galveston County Democratic Party)
and Mary Ellen Brennan, as)
treasurer;)
Harris County Democratic Party and)
David Minchberg, as treasurer;)
Jefferson County Democratic Party)
and Gilbert T. Adams, Jr., as)
treasurer;)
Travis County Democratic Party and)
Mina Clark, as treasurer;)
21st Century Political Action)
Committee and Art Brender, as)
treasurer;)
Association of Trial Lawyers of)
America Political Action Committee)
and Dan Cohen, as treasurer;)

CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, recording secretary of the
Federal Election Commission executive session on June 23,
1998, do hereby certify that the Commission decided by a
vote of 4-0 to take the following actions with respect
to RAD Referrals 97L-26, 97L-28, and 97L-29:

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RAD Referral 97L-28:

1. Open a MUR.
2. Find reason to believe the Texas Democratic Party and Jorge A. Ramirez, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f).
3. Find reason to believe the Bexar County Democratic Party and John J. Murnin, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f).
4. Find reason to believe the Dallas County Democratic Party and David A. Parnell, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f).
5. Find reason to believe the Galveston County Democratic Party and Mary Ellen Brennan, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f).
6. Find reason to believe the Harris County Democratic Party and David Minchberg, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f).
7. Find reason to believe the Jefferson County Democratic Party and Gilbert T. Adams, Jr., as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f).
8. Find reason to believe the Travis County Democratic Party and Mina Clark, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f).
9. Find reason to believe the 21st Century Political Action Committee and Art Brender, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f).

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RAD Referral 97L-26:

10. Open a MUR.
11. Find reason to believe the Association of Trial Lawyers of America Political Action Committee and Dan Cohen, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(2)(C).

RAD Referral 97L-29:

15. Open a MUR.
16. Find reason to believe the Harris County Democratic Party and David Minchberg, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f) and 11 C.F.R. § 102.5(a)(1)(i).

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Other Actions:

17. Approve the proposed Factual and Legal Analyses attached to the General Counsel's June 12, 1998 report.
18. Approve the proposed Subpoenas for the Production of Documents and Order to Answer Interrogatories to the following respondents:
- Texas Democratic Party and Jorge A. Ramirez, as treasurer;
Bexar County Democratic Party and John J. Murnin, as treasurer;
Dallas County Democratic Party and David A. Parnell, as treasurer;.
Galveston County Democratic Party and Mary Ellen Brennan, as treasurer;
Harris County Democratic Party and David Minchberg, as treasurer;
Jefferson County Democratic Party and Gilbert T. Adams Jr., as treasurer;
Travis County Democratic Party and Mina Clark, as treasurer;
21st Century Political Action Committee and Art Brender, as treasurer.
19. Grant the Office of the General Counsel contingent authority to file suit to enforce the Subpoenas for the Production of Documents and Orders to Answer Interrogatories against any respondent who fails to comply with them.

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20. Approve the appropriate letters as recommended in the General Counsel's June 12, 1998 report.

Commissioners Aikens, Elliott, McDonald, and Thomas voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioner McGarry was not present at the meeting.

Attest:

6-23-98
Date

Marjorie W. Emmons
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Secretary of the Commission